

Percentage of graduate and first-professional students considering themselves primarily employees who reported various factors to be important considerations in their decision to enroll, by selected enrollment and institution characteristics: 1999–2000

| Enrollment and institution characteristics | Required for their job | Gain skills to advance in job or for new career | Complete a degree or certification program | Personal enrichment in the subject |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total | 45.4 | 87.8 | 81.0 | 88.3 |
| Master's degree | 45.1 | 90.4 | 85.8 | 89.5 |
| Public | 47.2 | 89.3 | 85.6 | 89.3 |
| Nondoctorate-granting | 55.3 | 87.3 | 87.1 | 86.5 |
| Doctorate-granting | 43.5 | 90.2 | 84.9 | 90.6 |
| Private not-for-profit | 43.6 | 91.3 | 86.2 | 89.7 |
| Nondoctorate-granting | 50.0 | 90.4 | 84.9 | 87.0 |
| Doctorate-granting | 39.9 | 91.8 | 87.0 | 91.3 |
| Doctoral degree | 35.6 | 84.2 | 86.9 | 91.0 |
| Public | 32.7 | 87.8 | 88.5 | 90.5 |
| Private not-for-profit | 38.4 | 80.3 | 82.9 | 94.1 |
| First-professional degree | 33.0 | 85.5 | 84.0 | 94.3 |
| Public | (#) | (#) | (#) | (#) |
| Private not-for-profit | 30.6 | 84.1 | 83.7 | 94.4 |
| Master's degree | | | | |
| Business administration (MBA) | 33.9 | 94.3 | 81.3 | 87.4 |
| Education (any master's) | 60.6 | 87.7 | 90.3 | 88.6 |
| Other master of arts (MA) | 32.7 | 85.3 | 83.6 | 90.0 |
| Other master of science (MS) | 41.8 | 91.2 | 83.5 | 91.5 |
| Other master's degree | 35.2 | 92.2 | 85.4 | 92.4 |
| Doctoral degree | | | | |
| PhD except in education | 38.9 | 84.5 | 86.4 | 92.1 |
| Education (any doctorate) | 32.2 | 86.1 | 89.9 | 90.3 |
| Other doctoral degree | 36.5 | 80.2 | 82.1 | 90.6 |
| First-professional degree | | | | |
| Medicine (MD) | (#) | (#) | (#) | (#) |
| Other health science degree | (#) | (#) | (#) | (#) |
| Law (LLB or JD) | 26.2 | 89.6 | 81.1 | 96.9 |
| Theology (MDiv, MHL, BD) | 35.3 | 70.5 | 95.3 | 96.7 |
| Attendance pattern | | | | |
| Full-time, full-year | 41.1 | 89.7 | 85.7 | 90.8 |
| Full-time, part-year | 46.3 | 90.8 | 82.6 | 88.3 |
| Part-time, full-year | 43.7 | 89.2 | 85.3 | 88.5 |
| Part-time, part-year | 48.6 | 85.2 | 74.1 | 87.2 |

#Too small to report.

NOTE: Except where limited as indicated by a row label, data include students in graduate programs other than master's, doctoral, and first-professional and students in private for-profit institutions.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:2000).